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From: Goldmann, Elizabeth
Sent: Wed 11/1/2017 10:52:39 PM
Subject: RE: weekly

Excellent! Thank you. I believe it will go out COB tomorrow. It is due Friday.

From: Amato, Paul
Sent: Wednesday, November 1, 2017 3:50 PM
To: Goldmann, Elizabeth <Goldmann.Elizabeth@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: weekly

Hi Liz,

I made a few edits. Is this still ok? Do we know the date we will send? Not a big deal if we don't.

Concerns Over Proposed Villages at Vigneto in Arizona: We will send comments to the Army Corps regarding their Public Notice to re-evaluate Phase 1 of the proposed Villages at Vigneto located in Benson. Formerly known as Whetstone Ranch, the master plan project was authorized to fill 51 acres of ephemeral tributaries to the San Pedro River in 2006. A new owner and applicant proposes expanding the 8,212-acre project to 12,339 acres, and we are concerned that the Army Corps is only considering impacts to waters within the original footprint (Phase 1), based on uncertainty when future phases will be developed. Local environmental groups are opposed to the project based on concerns over declining groundwater levels and potential impacts to the federally listed yellow-billed cuckoo. The Army Corps will consider adding special conditions to the original 404 permit based on the outcome of their re-evaluation. (Goldmann, x23398)

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From: Goldmann, Elizabeth

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Villages at Vigneto: EPA will provide comments on a Corps Public Notice (PN) for the proposed Phase 1 Villages at Vigneto (formerly known as Whetstone Ranch) located in Benson, Arizona. The original permit issued in June, 2006 authorized the fill of 51 acres of ephemeral tributaries of the San Pedro River for master-planned development. Purchased by El Dorado Benson LLC in 2014, the new applicant proposes expanding the 8,212 acre project to 12,339-acres. Claiming the timing on future development phases is uncertain, the Corps is only considering impacts to waters within Phase 1 (8,212 acres). With listing of the yellow-billed cuckoo, the Corps has initiated section 7 ESA consultation. With declining ground water levels and endangered species listing, local environmental NGOs are opposing the project. The Corps will consider additional special conditions to the original 404 permit based on the outcome of their re-evaluation process. (Goldmann x23398)